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UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	8403.972
First Inventor	Donald E. Weder
Title	PLANT SLEEVE HAVING AN EXPANDABLE PORTION
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 33]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Redline Specification _____ pgs
 - Clean Specification _____ pgs
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 - a. ☒ Unsigned
Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

18. This application is:

- ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Prior application information:

Examiner Unknown

of prior application No.: 10/195,773

Group Art Unit: Unknown

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Application or Docket Number

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	46 minus 20 = *	26
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	8 minus 3 = *	5
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		0

RATE	FEE
	\$ 0
x \$ 9	= 0
x 42	= 0
+ 140	= 0
TOTAL	0

RATE	FEE
	\$ 0
x \$ 18	= 468
x 84	= 420
+ 280	= 0
TOTAL	888

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

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AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	* Minus	** 20	= 0
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	* Minus	*** 3	= 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
x \$ 9	= 0
x 42	= 0
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TOTAL	0

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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	* Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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+ 140	= 0
TOTAL	0

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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TOTAL	0

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RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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x 42	= 0
+ 140	= 0
TOTAL	0

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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x 84	= 0
+ 280	= 0
TOTAL	0

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Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:

☐ continuation (Attny. Dkt. No.: 8403.972)

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